

**Amendments to the Specification:**

On Page 2, amend lines 16 – 26 as follows:

The object of the present invention is therefore to provide a fire protection device for domestic appliances, which already at the outset of a malfunction which could potentially result in the domestic appliance catching fire, said device carries out measures which can protect the domestic appliance from further damage, and prevent the danger of fire.

~~According to the present invention this task is solved by a fire protection device with the features specified in claim 1. Advantageous configurations of the present invention are characterised in the sub-claims.~~